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Dear Mr ██████████

FOOD AND ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION ACT (FEPA) 1985, PART II DEPOSITS IN THE SEA (AS AMENDED)

**OFFSHORE ENERGY RESOURCES LTD/SOLWAY OFFSHORE LTD:
CONSTRUCTION OF AN OFFSHORE WIND FARM, ROBIN RIGG, SOLWAY FIRTH**

I refer to your application for a licence in respect of the above proposals.

I am pleased to inform you that the licensing authority has no objections to the issue of the requested licences, and I therefore enclose Licence Numbers 1890 and 1891. You are advised to carefully check the licences and schedule documents and, if there are any errors, you should contact myself immediately.

You should note that the licences include a condition that states the licensing authority must be notified of the dates of commencement and completion of the proposed marine construction works. You should also note that the licences include a condition requiring that a written report should be submitted to the licensing authority detailing all deposits made under authority of the licences. This report should be submitted on form FEP5, and copies of that form are enclosed.

As agreed, licences have been issued for mono-pile and multi-pile structures on the understanding that as soon as the preferred construction method has been agreed and the licensing authority notified one of the licences shall be relinquished.

It is also important to note that before work commences using the preferred construction method, the licensee shall provide the licensing authority with all missing details highlighted in the licence documents.

I would draw your attention to the licence conditions relating to monitoring studies and surveys and remind the licensee that it is important to enter into discussions on the timetable and as appropriate the detail and specifications of such studies and surveys within one month of licence issue.

You are reminded that the licensee has agreed to produce a protocol designed to minimise disturbance to cetaceans when undertaking construction works described in the attached licence documents.

I would also draw your attention to the licence conditions relating to amendment of the licences or schedule documents. If circumstances arise which necessitate changes or extension to your licences you should advise the licensing authority as soon as possible. After a licence has expired, it cannot be amended or extended in any way, and a new licence application (accompanied by the relevant fee) is required. Processing the new application may take a minimum of two months from the date of receipt.

As required under paragraph 2 of Schedule 3 to the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985 (as amended), I have to inform you that, under paragraph 1 of that Schedule, you may request that the licensing authority provides notice in writing of their reasons for including any provision in the licence, providing this is done within 21 days of the licence issue. Where you do so, the licensing authority must provide written confirmation of the reasons for including the provision(s) within 21 days of receiving your request. Thereafter, you may make written representation to the licensing authority about those reasons and the licence provisions to which they relate, providing this is done within 28 days of receipt of the licensing authority's response. On receipt of any representations, the licensing authority is obliged to set up a Committee which will consider them and report back to the licensing authority with their findings and recommendations. For fuller details of what may be involved, and your further rights to make representations after such a Committee is set up, you are referred to the provisions of Schedule 3 to the 1985 Act.

All correspondence or communications relating to this letter or the licence documents should be sent to the address below.

Yours sincerely



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